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25X1X 1. [REDACTED] in a recent Cabinet meeting a quarrel developed because of Colonel Sami Hinnawi's insistence (backed up by Prime Minister Atasi) that the military personnel now on duty with the police, among whom are Police Chief Ahmad 'Azam and several others, be left at their posts until after the forthcoming elections in Syria.

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2. [REDACTED] Rushdi Kilhya wants the election boxes to be policed by regular, not military, police.

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Comment. A newspaper correspondent in Damascus stated that the reason for the "violent" Cabinet meeting was a discussion over Prime Minister Atasi's "irresponsible promises to Iraqi Government officials."

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